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SUBJECT: SECRET US POLICY DOCUMENT ON RHODESIA

FOLLOWING FROM AMBASSADOR MULCAHY (ATTENDING ANGLO-NORTH  
AMERICAN PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE ON AFRICA AT TURNBERRY  
SCOTLAND):

1) I WAS INFORMED BY DENIS GRENNAN, SPECIAL  
ADVISER ON AFRICA AT FCO, OF LATTER'S RECENT  
CONVERSATION IN LONDON WITH DAVID MARTIN,  
OBSERVER AFRICAN CORRESPONDENT,WHO GAVE  
GRENNAN COPY OF EXCERPT OF ALLEGED STATE  
DEPARTMENT DOCUMENT AUTHORIZED BY MULCAHY  
RECOMMENDING US SUPPORT FOR RHODESIAN SETTLE-

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MENT THROUGH BACKING OF ROBERT MUGABE "AS

COMPROMISE" LEADER BETWEEN MUZOREWA AND NKOMO  
ANC FACTIONS.

- 2) GRENNAN FURTHER STATED HE KNOWS THIS "DOCUMENT"  
HAS BEEN SHOWN BY MARTIN TO PRESIDENT JULIUS  
NYERERE, WHO WAS, ACCORDING TO MARTIN, ALSO  
ALARMED BY CONTENT. HE INDICATED HIS INTENTION  
TO RAISE IT WITH SECSTATE DURING VISIT TO  
DAR ES SALAAM.
- 3) GRENNAN, WHO HAS KNOWN MULCAHY FOR OVER 15  
YEARS, SAYS HE TOLD MARTIN HE THOUGHT DOCUMENT  
WAS CLEARLY SPURIOUS, COULD NOT POSSIBLY  
REPRESENT MULCAHY'S VIEWS AND SHOULD NOT BE  
PUBLISHED WITHOUT AUTHENTICATION. TO DATE  
MARTIN'S STORY HAS NOT BEEN PUBLISHED, BUT  
GRENNAN BELIEVES IT MAY YET BE. HE BELIEVES  
NYERERE MAY CONFRONT SECRETARY WITH SECRET  
US PLAN FOR RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT.
- 4) COMMENT: I BELIEVE WE MAY BE CONFRONTED  
HERE WITH A POSSIBLE FORGERY CASE. I HAVE  
NEITHER DRAFTED NOR APPROVED ANY PIECE OF  
PAPER PROPOSING ANY PARTICULAR SOLUTION TO  
RHODESIAN PROBLEM (AT LEAST FOR PAST 10 YEARS)  
MUCH LESS ANY PAPER SINGLING OUT ROBERT  
MUGABE -- WHOM I CONSIDER A HAS BEEN -- FOR  
ANY KEY ROLE IN ANY RHODESIAN SOLUTION.
- 5) WHILE GRENNAN MAY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN HIS EFFORT  
TO DISSUADE MARTIN FROM PUBLISHING THIS STORY,  
POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT TO US BY NYERERE'S  
REPORTED ACCEPTANCE OF IT AND RAISING IT WITH  
SECSTATE REMAINS. I FEEL IT URGENT TO REPORT  
THE FOREGOING LEST IT BE USED IN DAR ES SALAAM  
IN MANNER TO EMBARRASS SECRETARY. END COMMENT.
- 6) RECOMMENDATION: I RECOMMEND THAT A SEARCH BE  
MADE OF CURRENT AF FILE FOR ANY PIECE OF PAPER  
BEARING MY NAME WHICH, TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT,  
COULD HAVE ANY RESEMBLANCE TO ALLEGED DOCUMENT.

EMBASSY FOOTNOTE: DAVID MARTIN MADE REFERENCE TO "A  
SECRET POLICY DOCUMENT I HAVE SEEN" DISCUSSING UNITED  
STATES POLICY TOWARDS AFRICA IN A STORY IN THE SUNDAY  
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OBSERVER, APRIL 18, 1976. ONLY REFERENCE IN MARTIN'S  
STORY TO RHODESIA IS AS FOLLOWS:  
"THE NSC HAS CONSIDERED A NUMBER OF OPTIONS IN  
RHODESIA, INCLUDING, ACCORDING TO A DOCUMENT IN THE  
HANDS OF AFRICAN LEADERS, DIRECT MILITARY INTERVENTION."

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